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## HUSH: Help Us Stop Hunger

HUSH is a cooperative effort among deer hunters, the Food Bank of Iowa, meat lockers and the Iowa DNR. The two main goals of HUSH include

- (1) **reducing the deer population while**
- (2) **providing high-quality red meat to the needy in Iowa.**

Whether you're a deer hunter, a locker owner or volunteer in your community, there is a vital role you can play.

**Thank you to all of the hunters who donated deer to the HUSH program during the 2009-2010 hunting season. More than 7,075 deer were donated!**

As a hunter, consider buying extra antlerless-only deer permits to help reduce the deer population. By participating in HUSH hunters can continue to hunt after they would normally stop and thus help reduce the deer population and provide high-quality venison for the needy in Iowa. You can donate any legally taken deer of any sex from any season. For the avid deer hunter in Iowa this presents itself as the perfect opportunity to hunt more deer and do something positive for the local community. Hunters must continue to purchase their deer license, which includes a \$1 deer surcharge to fund the HUSH program.

Participating lockers skin, bone and grind the meat to two-pound packages of pure ground venison. A local social services agency distributes the venison to needy Iowa families in the area. The 84 lockers that participated in 2009-2010 received \$65 for each processed deer.

Partnering with the Food Bank of Iowa and their affiliates throughout the state, high-quality protein many Iowans are lacking in their diet is available in the form of pure ground venison. The Food Bank of Iowa receives \$5 for each deer to cover administrative costs.

More than 7,075 deer were donated by hunters to HUSH this past season, generating 1.2 million meals to Iowa's less fortunate.



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*Share our similarities, celebrate our differences.*

# Iowa Donated Deer 4/26/10

	HUSH Deer Donated	PVP Deer Donated	FHFH Deer Donated <u>2/</u>	Processing Costs	Overhead Costs <u>5/</u>	Total Costs	Income	Overspent
03-04 Season (Prison paid for PVP <u>1/</u> ) @ \$55	1,604	226	0	89,200	9,800	99,000	78,000	21,000
04-05 Season (Prison paid for PVP) @ \$60	1,898	0	0	118,880	10,000	128,880	69,000	59,880
05-06 Season (DNR paid PVP) @ \$70	5,680	736	50	445,440	17,000	462,440	379,370	83,070
06-07 Season (Prison paid for PVP) @ \$70	6,482	63	275	453,740	3,000	456,740	377,801	78,939
07-08 Season (Prison paid for PVP) @ \$70	8369 <u>3/</u>	98	186	584,500	3,000	587,500	389,000	198,500
08-09 Season (Prison paid for PVP) @ \$70	7327 <u>4/</u>	63	206	512,995	9,400	522,395	406,000	116,395
09-10 Season @ \$70	<u>7093 6/</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>176</u>	<u>496,625</u>	<u>6748.00</u>	<u>503,373</u>	<u>405,547</u>	<u>97,826</u>
<b>To-date Totals</b>	<b>38,399</b>	<b>1,186</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>\$2,701,380</b>	<b>\$58,948</b>	<b>\$2,760,328</b>	<b>\$2,104,718</b>	<b>\$655,610</b>
Deer donated to prisons	1,186							
<b>Total donated to state programs</b>	<b>39,585</b>							
Deer donated to FHFH	893							
				\$62,510 saved				
<b>Total all donated</b>	<b>40,478</b>							
Meals to needy Iowans	7.1 million							

1/ Prison Venison Program (HUSH paid processing only in 05-06 season).

2/ Farmers and Hunters Feeding the Hungry paid processing, 1 chapt. in 05, 2 in 06, 1 in later years

3/ Includes 14 hi fence deer + 5 late HUSH deer

4/ Includes 22 shooting permit deer processed at \$75 each and 19 late deer at \$65 each (no \$5/deer to Food Bank for these 41 deer)

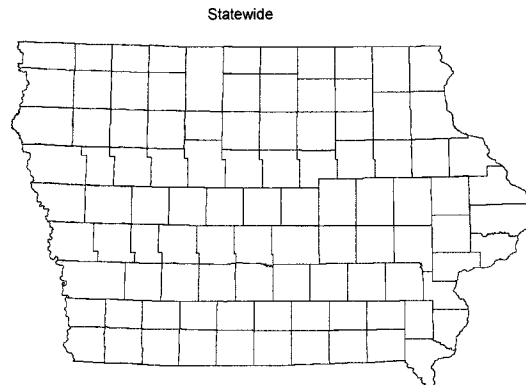
5/ Primarily freezer bags, HUSH posters for lockers, locker listing brochure for hunters = 2.2% overhead

6/ Includes 23 shooting permit deer processed at \$75 each

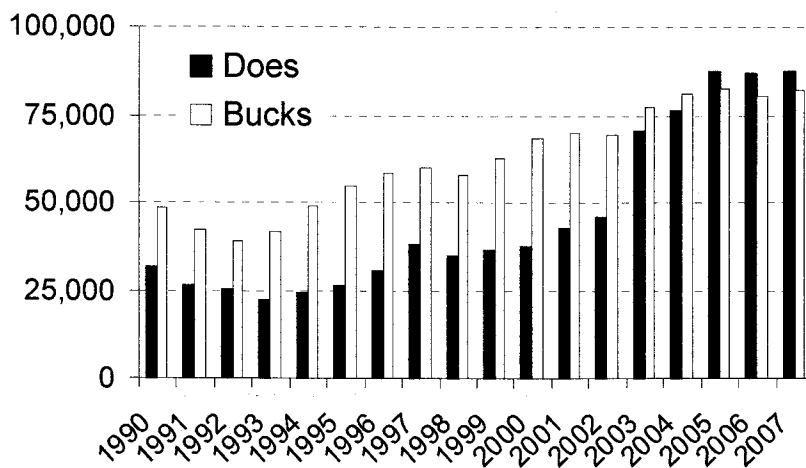
## Appendix IV. Deer Population Update after the 2007/2008 season: Statewide

The following graphs show the deer harvest numbers and the predicted population.

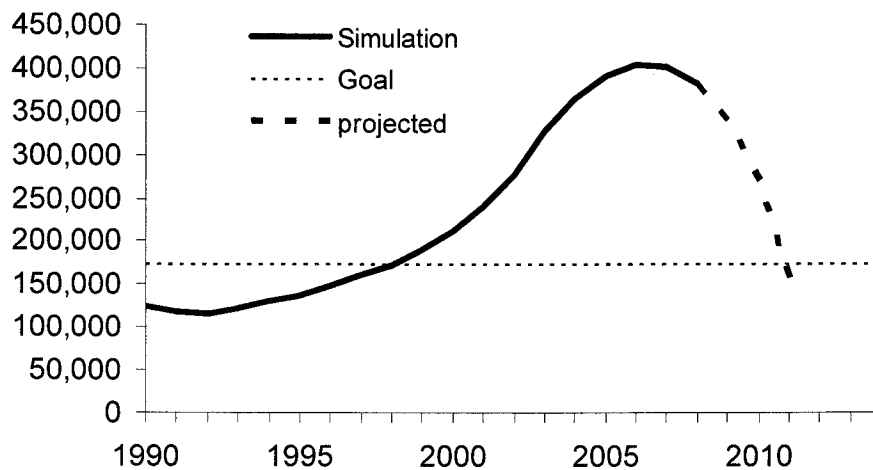
The increased level of doe harvest over the past 3 years should reduce deer numbers to the department's goal. In 2007 over 60% of the deer harvested were antlerless deer. The number of antlerless licenses available in 2008 was increased by 11,050.



### Deer Harvest



### Simulated Deer Numbers



## DEER STATUS

Different from specific elk objectives, deer status is assessed relative to long term averages.

### MULE DEER

#### Region 1

Currently 4 of 19 hunting districts (21%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

#### Region 2

Currently 3 of 24 hunting districts (13%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

#### Region 3

Currently 4 of 22 hunting districts (18%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

#### Region 4

Currently 1 of 20 hunting districts (5%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

#### Region 5

Currently 2 of 12 hunting districts (17%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

#### Region 6

Currently 5 of 16 hunting districts (31%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

#### Region 7

Currently 1 of 6 hunting districts (17%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

#### Statewide

Currently 20 of 119 hunting districts (17%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

SEE TABLE 1 BELOW

Table 1. Number of mule deer hunting districts with long term population estimates; number of districts over long term average.

FWP Admin Region	Hunting Districts over long term average of population estimate	Total Hunting Districts with long term population estimates available	Percentage of Hunting Districts over long term average
1	4	19	21%
2	3	24	13%
3	4	22	18%
4	1	20	5%
5	2	12	17%
6	5	16	31%
7	1	6	17%
STATEWIDE	20	119	17%

## **WHITE-TAILED DEER**

### Region 1

Currently 1 of 19 hunting districts (5%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

### Region 2

Currently 2 of 25 hunting districts (8%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

### Region 3

Currently 3 of 21 hunting districts (14%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

### Region 4

Currently 2 of 8 hunting districts (25%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

### Region 5

Currently 0 of 12 hunting districts (0%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

### Region 6

Currently 4 of 15 hunting districts (27%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

### Region 7

Currently 0 of 6 hunting districts (0%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

### Statewide

Currently 12 of 106 hunting districts (11%) with long term population estimates are above long term average.

SEE TABLE 2 BELOW.

Table 2. Number of white-tailed deer hunting districts with long term population estimates; number of districts over long term average.

FWP Admin Region	Hunting Districts over long term average of population estimate	Total Hunting Districts with long term population estimates available	Percentage of Hunting Districts over long term average
1	1	19	5%
2	2	25	8%
3	3	21	14%
4	2	8	25%
5	0	12	0%
6	4	15	27%
7	0	6	0%
STATEWIDE	12	106	11%

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Hunters united to stop hunger – findings -- rulemaking. (1) The legislature finds that:

- (a) some areas of the state are overpopulated with deer and antelope as evidenced by the sale of B tag licenses to meet population management objectives established by the commission pursuant to 87-1-323;
- (b) to encourage the purchase of all available licenses and the taking of game animals with those licenses to meet population management objectives, established in accordance with 87-1-323 and to encourage it is necessary to remove a barrier to the harvest of additional animals by establishing the hunters united to stop hunger program, which facilitates the donation of harvested game animals to charitable or nonprofit organizations for free distribution to help stop hunger, the department shall deposit by depositing \$1 from each deer or antelope hunting license sold into the hunters united to stop hunger account established in [section 2] to pay for the processing of the donated game; and
- (c) use of this population management program is in the best interest of the state when deer and antelope populations are above management objectives in some areas of the state and collection of the \$1 from each deer or antelope license sold may be suspended when management objectives are met so as not to constitute a diversion of license funds as regulated by the United States fish and wildlife service.

(2) The department shall:

(a) transfer \$1 from each deer or antelope hunting license sold to the hunters united to stop hunger account established in [section 2]. The department may suspend the transfer when population management objectives for deer and antelope have been met for two consecutive years or upon receipt of written determination from the United States fish and wildlife service that [this act] constitutes a diversion of license fees. The department shall resume the transfer when population management objectives are exceeded again.

(b) adopt rules governing the payment of funds from the hunters united to stop hunger account to meat processors for the processing of donated game animals. The rules may include the use of a request for proposals process in areas where a competitive meat processing market exists.



**NEW SECTION. Section 2. Hunters united to stop hunger account.** (1) There is an account in the state special revenue fund established by 17-2-102 called the hunters united to stop hunger account. Funds deposited into this account must be used by the department for the purposes of [section 1].

(2) Into this account must be deposited:

- (a) pursuant to the provisions of [section 1], \$1 from each deer or antelope hunting license sold by the department;
- (b) interest earned on the account; and
- (c) money received by the department in the form of gifts or grants or from any source intended to be used for the purposes of [section 1].

(3) (a) Any Except as provided in subsection (b), any money in the account that is unspent or unencumbered at the end of a fiscal year must remain in the account.

(b) (i) If the unencumbered balance of the account exceeds \$50,000 at the end of any fiscal year, the portion of the balance above \$50,000 must be transferred to the department's general license account.

(ii) If the department receives a written determination from the United States fish and wildlife service that the provisions of [section 1] constitute a diversion of license fees, any unencumbered balance in the account must be transferred to the department's general license account.

**New hunting opportunity for youth hunters age 11 who reach age 12 by January 16, 2011 – see page 112.**

**Elk Permit. Drawing only. Apply by June 1.**

580-15: 110 permits. Only valid in HD 580 south of Sweetgrass Creek. ArchEquip Only.

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Either-sex Elk. Archery Only Season.
- 580-21: 15 permits. Only valid in portion between Sweet Grass Crk and Big Timber Crk.
- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Either-sex Elk. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Either-sex Elk.
- 580-22: 25 permits. Only valid in portion between Big Timber Crk and West Fork Duck Crk.
- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Either-sex Elk. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Either-sex Elk.

**Elk B License. Drawing only. Apply by June 1.**

580-80: 300 licenses. Resident/Nonresident Elk B License. Only valid outside Natl Forest Boundary.

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Antlerless Elk. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Antlerless Elk.

----- HD 590 -----

**General Deer License.**

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Either-sex Mule Deer. Archery Only Season.
- Either-sex White-tailed Deer. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Either-sex Mule Deer.
- Either-sex White-tailed Deer.

**Deer B License. Drawing only. Apply by June 1.**

590-00: 350 B licenses.

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Antlerless Mule Deer. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Antlerless Mule Deer.
- 597-00: 600 B licenses. Only valid in HDs 500, 530 and 590.
- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Antlerless White-tailed Deer. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Antlerless White-tailed Deer.

**Deer B License. Purchase beginning August 9.**

005-10: Single Region B licenses. Resident/NonResident. Antlerless White-tailed Deer B License. Only valid in all Region 5 HDs.

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Antlerless White-tailed Deer. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Antlerless White-tailed Deer.

**General Elk License.**

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Antlerless Elk. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Antlerless Elk.

**Elk Permit. Drawing only. Apply by June 1.**

590-15: 400 permits. Valid in entire HD 590 and portion of HD 701 north of the Yellowstone River, south of Hwy 12 and west of Sumatra-Myers Rd. ArchEquip Only.

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Either-sex Elk. Archery Only Season.
- 590-20: 200 permits. Valid in HD 590 north of Yellowstone River and portion of HD 701 north of the Yellowstone River, south of Highway 12 and west of Sumatra-Myers Rd.
- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Either-sex Elk. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Either-sex Elk.
- 590-21: 80 permits. Only valid south of Yellowstone River.
- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Either-sex Elk. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Either-sex Elk.

**Elk B License. Drawing only. Apply by June 1.**

590-80: 65 licenses. Resident/Nonresident Elk B License. Only valid in HD 590 north of Yellowstone River and portion of HD 701 north of the Yellowstone River, south of Hwy 12 and west of Sumatra-Myers Rd.

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Antlerless Elk. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Antlerless Elk.
- 590-81: 35 licenses. Resident/Nonresident Elk B License. Only valid in HD 590 south of Yellowstone River.
- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Antlerless Elk. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Antlerless Elk.

NOTE: Public access to elk in HD 590 is limited and difficult.

----- HD 600 -----

**General Deer License.**

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Either-sex Mule Deer. Archery Only Season.
- Either-sex White-tailed Deer. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Either-sex Mule Deer.
- Either-sex White-tailed Deer.

**Deer B License. Drawing only. Apply by June 1.**

600-00: 800 B licenses.

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Antlerless Mule Deer. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Antlerless Mule Deer.

**Deer B License. Purchase beginning August 9.**

006-10: Single Region B licenses. Resident/Nonresident. Antlerless White-tailed Deer B License. Valid in all Region 6 HDs.

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Antlerless White-tailed Deer. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Antlerless White-tailed Deer.

**Deer B License. Apply for drawing by June 1.**

699-00: 5000 B licenses. Antlerless White-tailed Deer B License. Valid in all of Region 6 HDs.

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Antlerless White-tailed Deer. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Antlerless White-tailed Deer.

**General Elk License.**

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Either-sex Elk. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Either-sex Elk.

Elk numbers are low and will be difficult to find.

Hunters using archery equipment, see page 108 for licensing requirements.

----- HD 680 -----

**General Deer License.**

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Either-sex Mule Deer. Archery Only Season.
- Either-sex White-tailed Deer. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Either-sex Mule Deer.
- Either-sex White-tailed Deer.

**Deer B License. Drawing only. Apply by June 1.**

680-00: 500 B licenses.

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Antlerless Mule Deer. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Antlerless Mule Deer.

**Deer B License. Purchase beginning August 9.**

006-10: Single Region B licenses. Resident /Nonresident. Antlerless White-tailed Deer B License. Valid in all Region 6 HDs.

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Antlerless White-tailed Deer. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Antlerless White-tailed Deer.

**Deer B License. Apply for drawing by June 1.**

699-00: 5000 B licenses. Antlerless White-tailed Deer B License. Valid in all of Region 6 HDs.

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Antlerless White-tailed Deer. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Antlerless White-tailed Deer.

**Elk – Hunting by Drawing Only.**

**Elk Permit. Drawing only. Apply by June 1.**

690-20: 30 permits. Only valid in HDs 680 and 690.

- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Either-sex Elk.

690-21: 25 permits. ArchEquip only. Only valid in HDs 680 and 690.

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Either-sex Elk. Archery Only Season.

**Elk B License. Drawing only. Apply by June 1.**

690-80: 25 licenses. Only youth ages 11-15. Only valid in HDs 680 and 690.

- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Antlerless Elk.
- 690-81: 150 licenses. Only valid in HDs 680 and 690.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Antlerless Elk.

----- HD 690 -----

**General Deer License.**

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Either-sex Mule Deer. Archery Only Season.
- Either-sex White-tailed Deer. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Either-sex Mule Deer.
- Either-sex White-tailed Deer.

**Deer B License. Drawing only. Apply by June 1.**

690-00: 550 B licenses.

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Antlerless Mule Deer. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Antlerless Mule Deer.

**Deer B License. Purchase beginning August 9.**

006-10: Single Region B licenses. Resident /Nonresident. Antlerless White-tailed Deer B License. Valid in all Region 6 HDs.

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Antlerless White-tailed Deer. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Antlerless White-tailed Deer.

**Deer B License. Apply for drawing by June 1.**

699-00: 5000 B licenses. Antlerless White-tailed Deer B License. Valid in all of Region 6 HDs.

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Antlerless White-tailed Deer. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Antlerless White-tailed Deer.

**Elk – Hunting by Drawing Only.**

**Elk Permit. Drawing only. Apply by June 1.**

690-20: 30 permits. Only valid in HDs 680 and 690.

- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Either-sex Elk.

690-21: 25 permits. ArchEquip only. Only valid in HDs 680 and 690.

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Either-sex Elk. Archery Only Season.

**Elk B License. Drawing only. Apply by June 1.**

690-80: 25 licenses. Only youth ages 11-15. Only valid in HDs 680 and 690.

- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Antlerless Elk.
- 690-81: 150 licenses. Only valid in HDs 680 and 690.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Antlerless Elk.

----- HD 700 -----

*NOTE: CMR National Wildlife Refuge regulations may differ from these regulations. Hunters should contact the refuge at 406-538-8706.*

**General Deer License.**

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Either-sex Mule Deer. Archery Only Season.
- Either-sex White-tailed Deer. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Either-sex Mule Deer.
- Either-sex White-tailed Deer.

**Deer B License. Drawing only. Apply by June 1.**

797-00: 3000 B licenses. Nonresidents only. Valid in all Region 7 HDs. Not valid on CMR refuge.

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Antlerless Mule Deer. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Antlerless Mule Deer.

**Deer B License. Purchase beginning August 9.**

007-10: Single Region B licenses. Resident/Nonresident. Antlerless White-tailed Deer B License. Valid in all Region 7 HDs.

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Antlerless White-tailed Deer. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Antlerless White-tailed Deer.
- 007-11: 2000 B licenses. Residents only. 2nd Antlerless White-tailed Deer B License. Valid in all Region 7 HDs.

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Antlerless White-tailed Deer. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Antlerless White-tailed Deer.
- 007-13: Single Region B licenses. Residents only. Antlerless Mule Deer B License. Valid in all Region 7 HDs. Not valid on CMR.

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Antlerless Mule Deer. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Antlerless Mule Deer.
- 007-14: 2000 B licenses. Residents only. 2nd Antlerless Mule Deer B License. Valid in all Region 7 HDs. Not valid on CMR refuge.

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Antlerless Mule Deer. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Antlerless Mule Deer.

**Elk – Hunting by Drawing Only.**

**Elk Permit. Drawing only. Apply by June 1.**

798-15: 600 permits. Only valid in HDs 700 and 701. ArchEquip Only.

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Either-sex Elk. Archery Only Season.
- 798-20: 250 permits. Only valid in HDs 700 and 701.
- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Either-sex Elk. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Either-sex Elk.

**Elk B License. Drawing only. Apply by June 1.**

700-80: 700 licenses.

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Antlerless Elk. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Antlerless Elk.
- 798-81: 300 licenses. Only valid in HDs 700 and 701. ArchEquip Only.
- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Antlerless Elk. Archery Only Season.

*NOTE: Public access to elk in HD 700 is limited and difficult.*

----- HD 701 -----

**General Deer License.**

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Either-sex Mule Deer. Archery Only Season.
- Either-sex White-tailed Deer. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Either-sex Mule Deer.
- Either-sex White-tailed Deer.

**Deer B License. Drawing only. Apply by June 1.**

797-00: 3000 B licenses. Nonresidents only. Valid in all Region 7 HDs. Not valid on CMR refuge.

- Sep 04 - Oct 17 – Antlerless Mule Deer. Archery Only Season.
- Oct 23 - Nov 28 – Antlerless Mule Deer.